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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1 - 44 are pending and have been examined in the present application. Claims 1 - 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Lange (U.S. Patent 6,321,212). In light of the below remarks, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 - 44 have been rejected under Section 102(e) over Lange. Applicants respectfully point out that the present application claims priority to provisional application serial no. 60/134,470, filed May 17, 1994. The filing date of this priority application is four (4) months prior to the earliest priority date of the lying reference. As the present specification includes the claim to priority to this provisional application, applicants have perfected this priority claim.

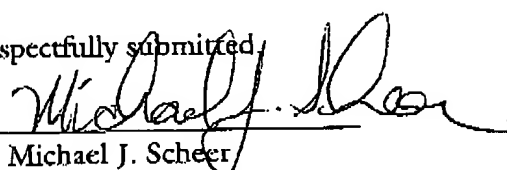
Accordingly, as the Lange reference is not prior art to the present application, withdrawal of the rejection on the basis of Lange is therefore respectfully requested.

As each of the claims of the present application are current, any condition for allowing such action is earnestly solicited.

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